for the selected layer of the artwork, [identifying a non-transparent region of the layer,] calculating a definition of an area corresponding to a boundary of the [region] one or more non-transparent regions in combination, and assigning an action to the area, the action defining a function that is to be activated when the area is selected; and

associating the area and the action with the selected layer as a property of the

selected layer in the electronic artwork.

12. (Amended) The method of claim 11, further comprising:

conforming the area-automatically to content of the selected layer when the electronic artwork is edited by recalculating the definition of the area when the content of the selected layer changes.

Please add new claim 28 as follows:

Sub 28. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein:

calculating a definition of the area comprises converting each non-transparent region to a perimeter boundary path by tracing the outer boundary of each non-transparent region in the layer.

The above-mentioned amendment amends claims 1 and 12, cancels claims 11 and 14 and adds new claim 28. This Preliminary Amendment is being filed concurrently with a CPA and claims 1-27 are now pending in this application. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

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